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Re: Entry into National Stage for:
Intl. Appl. No.: PCT/EP2004/005239
Intl. Filing Date: May 15, 2004
For: **Screening Process for Hydantoin Racemases**
Inventor(s): May, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/84454

Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Application Data Sheet;
2. A copy of PCT/EP2004/005239 as filed on May 15, 2004, and naming as inventor(s):

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the application comprising:

24 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-24),
3 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 25-27),
a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 28),
4 sheets of formal Drawings (labeled as Fig. 1-Fig. 4); and
26 pages of Sequence Listing (numbered separately as pages 1-26);

3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. A 3.5 inch computer diskette containing a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing;
5. A copy of the PCT Request with a copy of Declarations executed by the inventors attached (8 pages);
6. A copy of the PCT application, as published;
7. A copy of the International Search Report;
8. A copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority;
9. A copy of the authorization according to Rule 28(1)(d) EPÜ concerning the deposit of Microorganism DSM 3747;
10. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
11. General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account;
12. A copy of PCT/IB/304, Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of the Priority Document (1 page);

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13. A copy of PCT/IB/308 Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices (1 page);
14. A copy of PCT/IB/371, Notification Relating to Declaration made under PCT Rule 4.17, confirming the receipt of the Declaration of Inventorship within the time limit under PCT rule 26ter (1 page); and
15. Two (2) return postcards.

This application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2004/005239 which had an international filing date of May 15, 2004. The international application claims priority to German applications DE 103 26 109.5, filed on June 6, 2003, and DE 10 2004 022 065.4, filed on May 5, 2004. The present application claims priority to these previously filed counterparts and incorporates them by reference.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same.

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Claims in Excess of 20	20	20 =	0	\$ 50.00	0.00
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